

TEMPERATURE OF A COUNCILMAN.

How a Municipal Career May Yield a Good Income.

VARIOUS METHODS OF BRIBERY.

The Insidious Means Which Undermine an Official's Integrity—A Sample Letter—Disposing of Patronage.

No one who has not investigated the subject has any idea of the temptations which beset the members of the municipal governments of the country, or how easily positions, which ostensibly pay nothing, can be made to yield incomes greater than those received by many who toil from early morn till dewy eve the year round.

All the more dangerous are those temptations by reason of the fact that detection is difficult, if not absolutely impossible, and further because the conscience of the official is not so much guided by specious reasoning as to his right to compensate himself for his labors in behalf of his fellowmen.

But there is an opportunity to make any money as a Councilman or Alderman—an uninitiated person will ask.

HOW TO MAKE MONEY.

Nothing is easier, provided a man has influence with his brother members, or the chairmanship of some important committee.

For instance, some important and expensive improvement is proposed and decided upon. Immediately the contractor begins to cast about to secure the right of furnishing material for the same, and the influential member begins to receive letters on the subject. Here is a specimen production:

Dear Sir:—We have seen by the papers that your city is about to erect a new sewerage system. We are prepared to furnish the material needed at the very lowest figures. See our catalogue, which we send by this mail, and you will find that we have been some time to establish an agency in your city, but so far we have not been able to secure so good many orders as we expected. As the commissions we pay are very liberal, could you suggest a proper person? Or possibly you could represent us. We are waiting your reply, we are.

Yours very truly,
A. BRIBER & CO.

This is a sample, and there are variations. Some come out flatfooted and say "We will make it worth your while to secure this order."

Thus it goes, and probably before a man realizes it he is engaged in using his official position to secure commissions as an end, and coming himself by the reflection that the city is receiving as good material as she could get elsewhere, and that his business is legitimate.

As is well known, the municipal bodies of many cities have considerable patronage to bestow, but here again comes in the chance for corruption.

For instance, a place that pays \$50 a month is vacant, and is to be filled by some committee. The applicant will go to some prominent member or to the chairman and say to him:

"I want you to help me get this place. I will make it worth your while."

If the member approached resents the attempt at bribery, the matter ends there, but should he show himself to be amenable, an arrangement is quickly made. The applicant binds himself to pay \$5, \$10 or \$15 a month, and he gets the job.

These are a few instances of the perils of the Councilman, who undertakes to neglect his business and serve his fellow-citizens for nothing but glory.

AN INTERESTING SUIT.

A Grain Dealer Awarded Damages Against a Clarke County Farmer.

BERRYVILLE, Va., Dec. 10.—Special.—The December term of Clarke County Court was held this week and an important case, touching the principles by which the farmers of the county will be governed in the dealings with grain merchants, was decided. The parties of the case are Wm. D. Garvin, a grain dealer at Boyce, and Messrs. Bryarly and Carper, farmers of this county, and the facts are briefly these: In August, 1897, Bryarly and Carper contracted to sell Garvin five hundred bushels of No. 2 red wheat, to be delivered that month at 23-24 cents per bushel. On August 12th they delivered to Garvin three loads of the wheat, who rejected part of it, claiming that it was damp and would not grade No. 2 red. Afterwards, during the same month, the same wheat was sold in Winchester and Berryville as No. 2 red and so graded in Baltimore. In the meantime wheat had advanced four cents per bushel above what Garvin contracted to pay for the wheat, and Bryarly and Carper received the benefit of this advance. The plaintiff then instituted proceedings in the county court to recover from the defendants the difference between the price at which the wheat was contracted to be delivered to him and the price the wheat was sold at, amounting to about \$70.

The plaintiff claimed that the contract for the delivery of the wheat contracted to be delivered to him was a contract to deliver to him the wheat was contracted to be delivered to him and the price the wheat was sold at, amounting to about \$70.

The jury sustained his claim and brought in a verdict for \$71.

ICE IN ORANGE.

Farmers Soon to Begin Hauling It—Real Estate Sells Well.

GORDONSVILLE, Va., December 10.—Special.—The condition of Mr. W. T. Sneed's son, Stapleton, is still critical, notwithstanding it was thought some days ago that the symptoms were more favorable.

There has been quite a number of cases of typhoid fever in the neighborhood of which the physicians report convalescing.

The fire brigade of this city was called out last night about 8 o'clock to extinguish a blaze in the old Yager building, occupied by Mr. R. H. Hughes as a store and dwelling, which had made some headway before it was discovered. The damage to the property was small.

Ice has formed on the ponds in this vicinity from one to two inches thick, and with favorable conditions some will begin harvesting early next week.

John G. Williams, attorney of Orange, and as commissioner of the County Court, sold yesterday at public auction three houses and lots in this city belonging to the estate of the late Mr. Sarah Davis. All were purchased by citizens of the town, who will improve them and occupy the same in the near future.

It is learned upon what seems to be good authority that a water station for the use of the Chesapeake and Ohio trains will be established here, the town supplying the water from their reservoirs near the Cameron Mountain.

EMPORIA NOTES.

Greensville Soldier Sick—An Elegant Reception.

EMPORIA, Va., Dec. 10.—Special.—Private Sims Gregory, of Company I, Fourth Virginia Regiment, is so alarmingly ill in the hospital at Savannah, Ga., that his father has been summoned to attend at his bedside.

Mr. W. T. Tiller gave an elegant tea Friday afternoon from 4 to 6 P. M. to her sister, Mrs. John Price, of Bristol, Mrs. Price and Mrs. D. Tiller assisted her in receiving her guests. The ladies who

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attended were Mesdames E. L. Turner, James J. Smith, G. S. Little, B. A. Hatto, J. H. Smith, and Harry Schwartz, and Misses Bertie Burnell, Lizzie Smith, Sally Powell, and Mary Turner. Delicious refreshments were served during the afternoon.

The resignation of Rev. Mr. J. Anson, as principal of the Graded school, leaves a vacancy which the trustees will fill on the 15th of December.

Fire in Prince Edward.

KEYSVILLE, Va., Dec. 10.—Special.—Yesterday at 2 P. M., the magnificent residence, known as Cedar Hill, and belonging to J. H. Carson, in Prince Edward county, was totally destroyed by fire, together with all his furniture and supplies. The fire was first discovered in the roof over the book room and was accidental. Mr. Carson was absent and there was no one at home at the time, but his wife and a negro girl.

It was insured in the Georgia Home Insurance Company for \$2,000 on dwelling, and \$1,000 on furniture.

Stonewall Jackson's Band.

The men of Stonewall Jackson's band, who were ordered to leave the command, are now in the hands of the law. As men must be who followed him. Though called in haste from peaceful life to scenes of bloodshed, war and strife—though called to duty unprepared. They promptly came, and all declared "For one brave deed, and one belief—Duty to country, and their chief."

Such were the men by Jackson led: Strangers to fear, they knew no dread, And over with a welcome met. The charging foe and his command, And the ground-fixed rock. Than they in midst of battle's shock; Nor gentler were the maiden's ways Than theirs, when, after bloody fray, The fallen foe claimed their aid. They nursed his wounds, his grave they dug.

Caught from his parched and dying tongue The last faint words of love that sprang: Treasured those words and sent them to a mother, who for maiden true. With such a man to lead them on, Who could not boast of victories won? And who could stand the fierce onslaught Of men who early had been taught, By Revolution's noble sons, To charge upon the very guns Of those by whom they were opposed, With hearts untamed and breasts exposed?

Like maidens in peace, like floods in war, They tried to cheer, to comfort, and to care, And the Old Stonewall led the charge, Woe to the host, however large, Who thought to hold these men at bay, For floods were sooner checked than they. The noblest poets yet shall tell How these heroes fought and fell; How, when with odds against them hurled, They forward went with flags unfurled, And won the praise of all the world. And fortunate were those whose sight Fell on these gallant men in fight, Who saw them charge, and heard them cry—

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MANCHESTER BOY SERIOUSLY HURT.

Caught in Shafting While on Duty at the Cedar Works.

AN ARM AND A LEG BROKEN.

Besides Receiving Several Cuts and Bruises on the Side and Head—The Cotton Mills May Resume Shortly—Funeral of Mrs. Adams.

Manchester Bureau Richmond Times, 1112 11th street, Seattle Block.

Clifford Maitland, a thirteen-year-old boy, employed in the Cedar Works, and possibly fatal accident yesterday afternoon at the Richmond Cedar Works' plant in Richmond. He was employed in the butter-dish factory, and at the time of the accident attempted to place a belt in a certain pulley. The belt got on a ladder and climbed to the top. As he placed the belt in position he was in some manner caught in the shafting and turned with every evolution of the wheel until the mill was stopped. When taken down he was found to be fractured in three places, one of his legs was fractured, and he received several cuts and bruises on the side and head. He was taken to the Retreat for the Sick and everything known to medical science done for his relief. At a late hour last night he was resting quietly.

Young Maitland resides with his mother, a widow woman, at No. 1118 Hill street, in the Davis Block. He is an employee at the Manchester cotton mills.

MANCHESTER COTTON MILLS.

A rumor was abroad on the streets yesterday that the cotton mills on the water line had changed hands and will be operating in a few days.

When these two plants begin operation they will give employment to nearly 800 hands.

The employment of these hands will be perceptibly felt by all classes of business men in this city, and they will welcome the starting up of these works.

Funeral of Mrs. Adams.

Mrs. Cornelia M. Adams died Thursday in Richmond. She was in the 14th year of her age. The funeral took place Friday, Rev. Charles N. Houten conducting the service. The interment was made in the old family burying ground, near Beaufort, in Chesterfield county.

The deceased was a resident of Manchester for many years, where she was always held in high esteem and respect. For a number of years she had been in the building, being located on Ninth street, between Stockton and Decatur. She was a consistent member of the Manchester Presbyterian church.

OFFICERS EJECTED.

At a regular meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of West-End Methodist church, the following officers were elected for the coming term:

Mrs. A. V. Brown, president; Mrs. A. H. Thomas, vice-president; Mrs. A. H. Thomas, secretary; Mrs. S. L. Broach, treasurer.

"The wheels of the gods grind slowly" is truly proven in the case of this Christian Home (Bethany Home), for children between Granite and Bon Air, on the old Bon Air road.

Much interest is evidenced by a meeting of representatives from the various denominations in this city. The meeting was held at Mrs. A. C. Harding's, on Bainbridge street, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets. This committee decided to ask the churches for a collection on January 1, 1899, to assist Mrs. J. R. P. Burroughs in this noble work.

This money so raised will be expended in securing a female teacher to finish this session and as many more as possible. Mrs. Burroughs has been in the Lord, and He has always put it into the hearts of the people to come to her rescue and soothe the sorrows of the orphaned or thirty waifs and orphans under her control.

There are now seven children there from our city and fourteen from Richmond to be taught, and the former teacher's health entirely broke down and she had to return to her home. So the need of a teacher is urgent and will soon be filled.

Messrs. H. C. Beattie and M. A. Campbell on these gallant men in fight, who saw them charge, and heard them cry—

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DR. WURTH'S OPINION

Of the New Discovery in Medicine.

A Remarkably Successful Remedy for Dyspepsia, Indigestion and Stomach Troubles.

Dr. Wurth in commenting on recent discoveries in medicine said: "There is none which is certain to be so valuable and far reaching in benefit as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets, the new stomach remedy. I say far reaching, because people little realize how important a sound stomach and vigorous digestion is to every man, woman and child."

Indigestion is the starting point of consumption, heart disease, Bright's disease, diabetes, nervous prostration, liver troubles; why is this so? Simply because every nerve, muscle and tissue in our bodies is created and nourished from the food we eat. If that food is, by reason of a weak stomach, compelled to stay in the stomach, fermenting mass of half digested food, it poisons the blood and nervous system, creates gas which distends the stomach and bowels, causing pressure on the heart, lungs and other organs, and seriously impeding their action.

He says further, the point to direct attention is not the nerves, nor heart, nor lungs, nor kidneys, but the stomach, the first cause of all the ills which beset humanity. The remedy to seek is not a cathartic, but a remedy which will digest the food, increase the flow of gastric juice, absorb the gases, and Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will accomplish exactly this result in any case of stomach trouble, because these tablets are composed of the digestive acids, aspeptic pepsin, Golden Seal and bismuth, pleasant to taste, and not being a patent medicine, can be used by anyone with perfect safety. I believe Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets will cure any form of indigestion and stomach trouble except cancer of stomach.

Full size packages of Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets are sold by druggists at 50 cents or by mail from A. Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich. A book on stomach diseases (together with thousands of testimonials) will be sent by addressing above or call on your druggist for them.

And amusing toys of all kinds are plentifully displayed.

Happy days along the streets indicate also that anticipations of happy times are rampant.

The prices of Christmas goods this year are much lower than they were last, and the markets are filled with game and fowl and seasonal fruits and vegetables, and purchases are numerous.

The children are living in an ecstasy of pleasure at the prospect ahead of them of a day of big pig-rocks and plenty of pie, and the Sunday schools are preparing to give their little charges a hint of Christmas time, and all hands are glad that Christmas is coming.

A MIRACULOUS ESCAPE.

Mr. W. H. Wright Dragged Fifty Yards Under a Train.

Mr. W. H. Wright, a well known employee of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, whose duties are in connection with making up the cars, escaped death by a hair's breadth when he was struck by a train at the Seventh street station, had a most remarkable escape from a fearful death Friday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock.

Mr. Wright was under the train which was being made up for Newport News, coupling the air-brake pipes. The engineer was signalled to go ahead by one of the officials, who did not know that Mr. Wright was under the train.

The latter, who is a large and powerful man, was thrown to the ground and would doubtless have been instantly killed but for his presence of mind. He kept a firm grip on the air-brake pipes and was dragged along the ground probably fifty yards, his body leaving a deep impression on the earth. His clothes were nearly torn off, a book in one of his pockets being smashed out.

The railroad employees who were around the station saw Mr. Wright's great peril and shouted to the engineer to stop, which he did. Mr. Wright then quickly extricated himself from his perilous situation. He was seriously self-posessed, but was much injured and proceeded to tell those responsible for his danger what he thought of them.

THE ACTIVES FOR BAILEY.

They Endorse Him for Democratic Leader of the House.

The Clay Ward Actives held their monthly meeting last night. There was not a large attendance.

Secretary Clyde W. Saunders being absent in New York, Mr. Henry L. Carter was appointed as secretary pro tem.

A resolution was passed requesting Congressman John L. Bailey to vote for Joseph W. Bailey to be the Democratic leader in the fifty-sixth Congress.

The death of Mr. Robert Ralston, who has been the sergeant-at-arms of the Actives since their organization, was announced last night by Mr. Dr. Craddock as chairman, was appointed to draft suitable resolution and report at the next meeting.

Mr. Robert Parker was elected sergeant-at-arms, and Mr. Joseph Smith was chosen assistant sergeant-at-arms.

Rev. Mr. Peters' Condition.

Private advice received from Norfolk last night, state that Rev. J. Sidney Peters, pastor of the Barton Heights M. E. church, while critically ill, is holding his own, and